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SUBJECT: BASIC ISSUES OF DEFENSE PLANNING - NEXT STEPS

REF: (A) USNATO 4946; (B) USNATO 4948; (C) USNATO 4944

1. WE UNDERSTAND INFORMALLY THAT INTERNATIONAL STAFF IS NOW PREPARING A FIRST DRAFT OF REPORT BY EWG TO DPC, ON BASIS OF DISCUSSION ON OCTOBER 16 OF THE THREE STUDY AREAS (AIRCRAFT SHELTERS, SEE USNATO 4946; STOCK LEVELS, SEE USNATO 4948; AND DEFENSE AGAINST ARMOR, SEE USNATO 4944). IS ENVISAGES SINGLE REPORT INCLUDING SEPARATE SECTIONS FOR EACH STUDY AREA. REPORT WILL ALSO CONTAIN A BRIEF DISCUSSION OF FUTURE WORK; IT MAY WELL HIGHLIGHT FACT THAT CONSIDERABLE WORK REMAINS TO BE DONE IN EACH OF THE THREE FIELDS BEING EXAMINED IN THE CURRENT PHASE OF REVIEW OF BASIC ISSUES OF DEFENSE PLANNING.

2. CURRENT IS PLAN IS TO HAVE A WORKING DRAFT AVAILABLE TO DELEGATIONS BY OCTOBER 26 FOR DISCUSSION IN EWG ON UNINSTRUCTED BASIS ON OCTOBER 29. IS WOULD THEN PREPARE A REVISED DRAFT
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FOR CONSIDERATION BY EWG DURING WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12, WHEN DELEGATIONS COULD BE EXPECTED TO HAVE THE BENEFIT OF NATIONAL INSTRUCTIONS. WE WILL TRANSMIT DRAFTS TO WASHINGTON AS SOON AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.

3. IS OBJECTIVE IS TO HAVE AGREED EWG REPORT AVAILABLE AS DPC
PAPER BY NOVEMBER 19, LOOKING TO ACTION BY DPC PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVES IN WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26.

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